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Tough shot



Senior Eric Cannon utilizes a sunny day, practicing for track and field.

Shawn Ibarra/Staff

Campus organization prepares student cadets

■ Pershing Rifles represent the finest in N.C. State ROTC.

DANIELLE STANFIELD
Senior Staff Writer

As the few but proud, the Pershing Rifles are a unique part of N.C. State's Army ROTC.

"You try to be all you can be," Vern Theis, a junior in textile material science, said. "Leadership, that's what's important to us."

Members of the national fraternity said they joined for the prestige and skills the society offers. Maj. Steven Sloan, advisor to the fraternity, said the team competes nationally in drill, performs ceremonies and acts as color guards for special events. But most of all, Sloan said the society provides discipline and motivation to succeed.

"The Pershing Rifles provide direction and motivation to do well," he said. "Collin Powell said his participation in the fraternity turned his life around. Many claim

their success to membership in it."

First Sgt. Theis, the drill and physical trainer for the Pershing Rifles, joined to pursue a military career after college. "Everything it teaches you is important to any job," he said. "The best thing is to wear the cord."

In order to wear the cord, pledges must go through a five-week training where they memorize the fraternity's history and creed, master the basics of drill and meet the Army's physical training standards, Sloan said.

One pledge said the training is tough but not impossible. "If you don't let it be a challenge, it won't be one," Melissa Harris, a sophomore in political science, said. "It's been an absolutely positive experience."

Theis admitted the work gets tough sometimes when the team drills for two hours with a 12-pound rifle. "It's a lot of work, but it's all worth it," he said.

In recognition of the hard work involved,

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Students decry UAB

■ The Union Activities Board members address student concerns regarding the UAB restructuring.

NICOLE MILLER
Staff Writer

In the eyes of many concerned students, the new Union Activities Board (UAB) restructuring proposal poses a threat to the Black Students Board (BSB).

At a UAB town council meeting held on Wednesday, the UAB executive board presented a new board structure. Instead of having multiple committees such as the Film Committee and BSB, there would be coordinators such as a publicity coordinator and diversity coordinator. These coordinators would be responsible for informing organizations of available programming funds.

The catalyst for changing the UAB structure is to "allow other campus organizations to gain access to funds — particularly underrepresented ones," said Aimee Smart,

UAB president. The new structure makes UAB a provider of program funding for campus organizations.

With the proposal, the BSB is no longer under the wing of the UAB. The BSB would be a free-standing organization and would no longer receive its operational budget from the UAB. This frightens many of its members.

Many students asked if the UAB could guarantee financial support for the BSB and if their needs will be met. "I can't give guarantees," said Smart.

Without a guarantee for the survival of the BSB, many students became frustrated, and a fight for the floor showed their concerns.

When Smart was reminded of the flood of applications the senate received from campus organizations, the students expressed their fear of a similar overload of applications to the UAB.

"I don't think we'll get the flood of applications because

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The Black Students Board Controversy

● February 26:

The Nubian Message prints an article entitled "UAB to vote March 31 on elimination of Black Students Board."

● March 3:

More than 500 students rally at an affirmative action forum. The BSB is a hot topic of discussion.

● March 4:

More than 200 students rally outside of a 7 a.m. meeting of the UAB. The UAB takes no action against the BSB.

● March 6:

An article appears in Technician quoting UAB speaker Mike Wallace. Wallace says, "The idea of the BSB being eliminated is something that I don't think came from the activities board."

● March 17:

The UAB holds a public meeting to discuss a proposal that would make the BSB a free-standing organization, separate from the UAB. Many students protest the proposal.

Senate OKs affirmative action

■ The Student Senate votes on an affirmative action bill.

JOSH JUSTIN
Assistant News Editor

The tsunami of support for affirmative action rolled through the N.C. State Student Senate Wednesday night.

In a vote of 32-19-1, the senate voted overwhelmingly in favor of "Resolution 9," a document concerning diversity and affirmative action at NCSU that was originally drawn up by the Faculty Senate.

"This is one of the most important actions this year," said James Claggett. "It passed with a strong majority."

The resolution emphasized some of the major ideologies of affirmative action, stating that "affirmative action is a tool used to bring about equal opportunity in employment, business, education and housing."

The resolution is the result of University of North Carolina President Molly Broad's initiative to review race-based programs at all 16 state colleges and universities.

"Student Government is the first to pass this resolution," Claggett said. "The Staff and Faculty senates have not passed it. The administration is

taking this seriously. A lot of faculty will take notice."

Claggett spoke of the reasons why diversity and affirmative action are so important to the university.

"There's a value to diversity," he said. "There's a value to have a diverse population. Affirmative action allows the university to determine the make-up of the student body."

Megan Callhan introduced the resolution to the Student Senate on Feb. 20, 1998. She could not be reached for

comment.

The Student Senate discussions on the resolution were not short and sweet. The resolution was discussed for over three hours. Claggett said the discussions took so long "because it [affirmative action] is such a sensitive issue."

In the resolution, women's issues were also examined. Affirmative action is "increasing the participation of qualified women and minorities in all levels and fields of employment."

The image of what

affirmative action is was also examined in the resolution, which stated that "affirmative action does not mean a neglect or diminishment of standards or qualification as it enables everyone to be included and fairly considered for jobs, admissions or contracts regardless of one's race or gender."

Copies of the resolution were sent to Dr. Molly Broad, the UNC Board of Governors, NCSU Board of Trustees and NCSU Chancellor Larry Monteith.

Faculty Senate still considering resolution

■ Faculty Senate debates affirmative action issues.

ERIKA SMART
Staff Writer

Affirmative action was the issue of concern and debate at a Faculty Senate meeting held on Tues., March 17.

Harriette Griffin introduced the topic as new business. Griffin gave the first reading of the Resolution Concerning Diversity and Affirmative Action at N.C. State University.

The resolution states that affirmative action is "a tool

used to bring about equal opportunity in employment, business, education and housing."

The question raised within the senate meeting was whether "race can be used as a determining factor in university admission" as well as "be used as a factor, among many other factors." Other determining factors are still undecided.

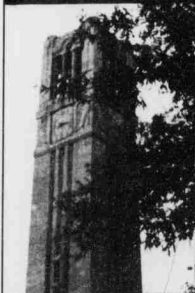
Resolutions to affirmative action at NCSU included maintaining the present policy of affirmative action in order to "foster a sense of equality among faculty, staff and students."

Discussion followed the reading of the resolutions. Members of the senate expressed multiple opinions concerning affirmative action, including altering present day policy as well as keeping it the same.

There will be continued debate of the topic at the next senate meeting. Amendments to the resolution will be made in an upcoming meeting.

The senate also addressed the issues of post-tenure review and a response to the Eva Klein report given by Marvin Malcha, dean of the School of Design.

Friday IN BRIEF



Various faculty members recognized

Slater Newman, psychology, has been elected national president of the Psi Chi National Honor Society in psychology for 1997 to 1998.

Newman joined the N.C. State faculty in 1957 and has been cited widely for his research in the psychology of memory and verbal behavior.

Nancy Snow, communications, was recently honored with the establishment of a scholarship in her name.

Moon Suh, textile and apparel technology and management, has been elected president of the Fiber Society, an international academic society whose members include the world's top fiber scientists, textile scientists and engineers. Suh is the fourth NCSU faculty member to hold the office.

"Vision of Habakkuk," by Rodney Waschka, multidisciplinary studies, was recently performed at the 1997 International Computer Music Conference, in Thessaloniki, Greece.

N.C. State wins national awards

N.C. State logged its best performance ever last month in the annual Council on the Advancement and Support for Education (C.A.S.E.) District III competition.

C.A.S.E. is a national organization for professionals in alumni and constituent relations, communications and philanthropy.

The university's 13 outright awards were its most ever in the competition, which recognizes excellence in educational advancement and is open to all colleges, universities and independent schools in 19 Southern states. It also was the first time that NCSU was recognized with more awards than any other institution in the state.

NCSU brought in one Grand Award, seven Awards of Excellence and five Special Merit Awards. The university also helped produce a video that won three awards for the University of North Carolina-Wilmington.

Physicist to present Phi Beta Kappa lecture

For all those who secretly yearn to be a physicist, there is an upcoming chance to see one live and in person.

On Tues., March 24, 1998, Harvard physicist Dr. Howard Georgi, one of the most influential scholars in physics, will give a free, public lecture in 216 Poe Hall at 4:00 p.m.

The topic of the lecture will be "Symmetry - From Kaleidoscopes to Theories of Everything and Nothing."

The festivities will be sponsored by the Zeta chapter of Phi Beta.

The physics department at NCSU consists of 36 faculty members and some 80 graduate students with additional technical support personnel and more than 20 post-doctoral research associates.

Anyone wanting further information for this invigorating event need only call 515-6207.

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Harris hopes her membership with the fraternity will train her for a career in the National Guard or Reserves when she graduates from college.

Harris also said the Pershing Rifles is important to her because of the unity involved with the drill and ceremony. "We're taught to see the military as something to help and learn from each other," she said.

In addition, This finds the team aspects of the fraternity important. "It's like a sport, we work together for a common goal."

Sloan added that the fraternity is one of the oldest in the nation and meets high standards. Members, who do not have to be in the ROTC to join, must maintain a 2.5 grade point average.

Most importantly, all members must keep true to their motto: "We must have the best as Pershing Rifles men and women, and you are expected to do your best. Nothing else is acceptable."

Board

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we are requiring the organizations to plan a year in advance, and after we set money aside for those who do plan, there will be money left. There will be great competition for those remaining funds," said Smart after the meeting.

One student suggested that an umbrella be created for diversity organizations in order to ensure the prosperity of minority representation on campus. Other students said they'd be willing to accept a budget cut as long as they were guaranteed UAB support. Most students were worried that the new proposal may mean the end of minority representation at N.C. State.

"We're not money or funding. We're people. How can the UAB meet the needs of African American students?" asked senior Lola Rasaki.

Smart gave no answer.

Many students didn't understand why there was such a great need for change. They wanted to know why the UAB couldn't let organizations know the funding was available, but keep the same structure.

Smart informed the students that with the present structure, committees individually have budgets. Often these committees are not willing to give up part of their budgets to other groups. The new structure does not divide money amongst committees but instead to coordinators whose purpose is to give money away to deserving programs. With this plan the UAB hopes to open the door to many organizations and, therefore, to more students.

One student did not agree. "Now you're looking out for the needs of African American students. With the new proposal you are not doing this. You're leaving everyone out to dry," she said.

After the meeting, Smart commented that she didn't believe the BSB would suffer as a result of new structuring.

"The BSB will have the advantage because of their planning," said Smart.

Many of the BSB programs are profitable both monetarily and with student involvement, according to Smart. She believes that it wouldn't be very wise if the UAB didn't fund those programs. Because the BSB's programs have been successful in the past, Smart believes that even with a new structure the needs of BSB will still be met.

This new plan is not set in stone. On April 15, UAB will hold another town council to discuss the proposal that may have changed shape by then.

"The proposal is always changing. It's just a draft. We will take all ideas in consideration," said Smart.

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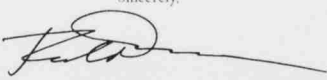
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State Stat:

Fourteen members of the N.C. State gymnastics team were placed on the EAGL all-academic team.

Sports

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Road Trip

■ N.C. State's women prepare for the Sweet Sixteen.

K. GAFFNEY
Sports Editor

Kay Yow and the Wolfpack women aren't expecting any surprises.

On Saturday, the Pack will take on Old Dominion in the East Regional Semi-finals in Dayton Ohio, squaring off against the Monarchs for the 15th time in 14 years.

"Old Dominion is a well-known opponent by us, really," said Yow in a press conference on Wednesday. "We are the team in the ACC that always plays them. We didn't play them this season because we couldn't agree upon a date, but a date is already set for next year."

State used to play ODU in a home-and-away series every year, but after the inclusion of Florida State into the ACC, the Pack and the Monarchs went to playing just one game a year, alternating sights each season.

"We know them well, and they know us well," said Yow. "It has always been a rivalry, they have had some great players, and we have had some great players. We know that it is going to be a battle."

Saturday's 11:30 a.m. match-up won't hold too many surprises for either team.

The Pack played the Monarchs as recently as last season, in the second round of the women's pre-season National Invitational Tournament.

State pulled off the 65-62 win behind a combined 33-point performance from then-seniors Jennifer Howard and Umeki Webb.

On the inside, Chastity Melvin held All-American Clarisse Machaguana to just 12 points and three rebounds.

Both teams are well aware of the other's strong inside game.

Melvin, a first-team All-ACC player for the second year in a row, is backed by one of the toughest front courts in the ACC and will go up against Nyree Roberts and Mery Andrade.

"[Last year] Roberts was secondary," said Yow. "But now she is their go-to player. She's had a lot of games with 15 or 20 rebounds, so not only are they depending on her for points, but she hits the boards strong for them."

The six-foot-three-inch center from New Jersey leads the Monarchs in scoring, averaging over 20 points per

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Chastity Melvin, returning to the Sweet Sixteen with the Wolfpack for the first time since her freshman season, looks to lead the Pack over ODU on Saturday.

State takes Hill

■ The track team heads to the Hill.

JONATHAN NOEL
Staff Writer

The battle renews itself.

Just one month after UNC-Chapel Hill handed a double defeat to the N.C. State track team at the ACC Indoor Championships, the two rivals meet again on the track with the start of outdoor season.

This outdoor season should have the men's teams at each other's throats all season long. At Virginia Tech, the Tar Heels snatched victory from the Wolfpack after the Pack had opened a not-comfortable-enough 62-27 lead after day one of the ACC Championships.

The Carolina women left no such room as they overwhelmed the ACC in Blacksburg, clinching their 19th track and field championship with an amazing 184 points, leaving a talented Clemson team far behind in second.

The Pack, who had been aiming for a third-place finish, managed a fifth-place finish only through an impressive 3000- and 5000-meter double victory by senior Laura Rhoads.

Having lost to Carolina at ACCs, meeting them head-to-head should prove even more of a challenge.

The Tar Heels' depth could prove fatal to a Pack team short on quality talent.

Ten Tar Heels brought home All-ACC honors with victories in the throws, jumps and sprints.

State will be led by Rhoads and jumper Sherlane Armstrong.

Rhoads has been the Pack's most consistent performer all year long. After a win at the ACC cross country championships, she turned in a sparkling indoor season capped off with her double victories at ACCs.

Armstrong, after a disappointing

performance at ACCs, responded with one of her best jumps at NCAAs, finishing with eighth place in the triple jump. She'll go up against one of the top jumpers in the nation in Nicole Gamble, who is coming off a second-place finish at NCAAs.

"Carolina's jumpers have been the best," Armstrong said. "It's who you measure yourself against."

During the outdoor season, both men's teams will be chasing the Clemson Tigers, who claimed the ACC championship, finishing a narrow 5.5 points ahead of the Heels and just 14 points ahead of State.

The Pack's most glaring weakness — sprints — will be severely tested by the Heels, who are led by one of the nation's best. Milton Campbell won the 200 meters at ACCs and finished just short of the 200-400 meter double. Two weeks later at Nationals, Campbell collected second place in the 200 meters and fourth in the 400 meters.

The performance of the Pack's distance team and throwers will be critical as it tries to counterbalance a well-rounded Carolina team.

Pat Joyce and Chan Pons gained All-American honors in the 5000 and 3000 meters, respectively, and head a deep distance squad.

A key match-up should be the battle between the Pack's heavyweight throwers, John Patterson and John Williamson, and Carolina's Allen Bradd and Sal Gigante. Williamson and Bradd both gained victories at ACCs, with Patterson and Gigante finishing just behind with second-place throws.

The Pack began outdoors a week ago at the Charlotte invitational. The Pack turned in a number of fine individual performances and will be looking to do the same Sunday as it begins the transition to outdoors.

Hot streak

■ 'Pack Nine' rides a six-game winning streak into this weekend's ACC home series

TIM HUNTER
Staff Writer

The N.C. State baseball team enters this weekend as one of the hottest teams in the ACC.

Having won six straight contests and 11 of its last 12, the Wolfpack looks to extend its streak against the Virginia Cavaliers.

UVA, on the other hand, comes into the weekend searching for its first ACC win of the year. The Cavaliers are 0-5 in the conference, dropping series to Georgia Tech and Duke.

The Cavaliers were able to boost their confidence level on Tuesday with a 14-0 thrashing of Coppin State.

Virginia started off the season hot, winning 10 of its first 11 games. Since then, UVA has dropped five of its last seven. The Cavaliers come to Raleigh with a 13-6 record overall.

UVA does have star power. Senior third-baseman Brain Sherlock brings thunder to the batting line up and a solid glove to the hot corner. Sherlock leads the team with a .383 batting average

and 22 RBIs.

Sherlock and fellow senior Ryan Gilleland were both starters on UVA's 1996 ACC Championship team.

On the mound, Virginia relies on several underclassmen. The staff includes five freshmen and sophomores and no seniors.

State has also relied on newcomers in '98. Junior college transfers Adrean Acevedo and Brian Ward continue to lead the Pack on offense, leading State in almost all offensive categories.

Both are batting over .430, and the duo is also one-two in RBIs for the Wolfpack. Five other Pack regulars are batting over .300, and State is hitting a red-hot .330 as a team.

State is outscoring opponents by an average of over four runs a game and can pour it on when it is hot. The "Pack Nine" has scored over 10 runs on 11 occasions this season.

Coach Elliot Avent has also found a reliable three-man rotation in Dustin Baker, Kurt Blackmon and Bubba Scarce. The trio should all start against UVA this weekend.

Blackmon has limited opponents to a 2.15 batting average to go along with his 2.34 ERA and team-high four wins. Blackmon also leads the team in strikeouts, with 53.

All-American candidate Jake Weber continues his assault on the



State, led by Jake Weber, takes on UVA this weekend.

record book at State. The senior from Wappingers Falls, N.Y., is on the verge of rewriting several of State's offensive records.

Weber is currently closing in on State's "Ironman" streak of consecutive games played. Weber needs to play in just 11 more consecutive games in order to break Brian Bark's school record of 215 consecutive games played. Weber has not missed a game in his college career at State.

Game times this weekend are as follows: Fri. and Sat. at 7 p.m. and Sun. at 1:30 p.m. All games will be played at Doak Field, and students are admitted free with a valid All-Campus card.

The EAGL has landed

■ The Wolfpack takes its gymnastics show on the road for the EAGL championships this weekend.

JAMES CURLE
Staff Writer

The N.C. State gymnastics team has seen a great deal of trials and tribulations this season.

Broken and sprained feet.

Strep throat.

Plane crashes.

But through it all, the Wolfpack has shown that when you can bring in a number of talented personnel at every event, great things can happen.

Over Spring Break, the Pack faced a very strong opponent in New Hampshire on the road. With senior Co-Captain Stephanie Wall still nursing a sprained foot, the injury was dealt another misfortune as junior Stephanie Flanagan went down with strep throat. Although she represents a solid score on vault, her absence on floor could've been a crushing blow to the Pack on one of its strongest events.

The key to success for the Pack this year, however, has been depth. The "Magnificent Seven," State's incoming freshman class that joined the team this fall, has added strong scores behind the starting rotation to provide the luxury of a "safety

net" that in the past hasn't been there.

So after Flanagan dropped out prior to the UNH meet, all that was required of the team was a bit of shuffling — Jen Sommer stepped in to an all-around spot, and Amy Langendorf performed on floor exercise — to stay right at its competitive level.

Despite a tough warm-up, the Pack went toe-to-toe with a strong New Hampshire team and, using its revised team, beat the Wildcats on their home floor, scoring a 194.500 to their 194.300. It was the Pack's second-highest score of the season so far.

But bad news would come to the Pack once again this week, as Langendorf broke a bone in practice Monday while practicing on beam. Similar yet more severe to the injury suffered by Wall, Langendorf is expected to miss 3-5 weeks of action, with the slight possibility of returning on uneven bars for regionals in April.

Once again, Stevenson and the Pack must shuffle the rotation a bit to compensate. But beyond that, it's business as usual.

"Last year, if we had had this same injury, we would've been done," Stevenson said. "We didn't have anybody to put in. This year, we're filling those spots. We might lose a half a 10th, maybe, which is

great. That's the key to having a great team."

State will need to be a great team, regardless of injuries, to have a chance of doing well at this year's EAGL championships. The East Atlantic Gymnastic League boasts some strong schools that the Pack will need to be wary of heading into the competition to be held at Rutgers University.

First and foremost on that list is the team from West Virginia. The

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Gymnastics looks for a championship this weekend.

Wolfpack NOTES

Pep band picks up ACC Championship

N.C. State walked away from Greensboro as champions two weekends ago.

Each year at the men's ACC tournament, the pep bands from the conference schools play in their own postseason tournament. This year, State won the ACC Championships despite being the No. 8 seed, picking up four straight wins.

The wins came over Florida State, Georgia Tech, UNC-Chapel Hill and defending champions UVA.

Among the team members were Dan Deaton, Steve Handlos, Tim Williams, Stephen Price, Jarvis Alford, Robin Atkins, Mike Martin, Brian Smith, Jeff Ashmore and Chris Ragone.

After struggling against the Seminoles of FSU, the Wolfpack team won each of its games by over nine points.

The team would like to thank the athletic department for allowing it to use practice jerseys for the tournament.

Volleyball program announces five signees

N.C. State volleyball Head Coach Kim Hall announced on Wednesday that five high school seniors have signed national letters of intent to play for the Wolfpack in the upcoming season. Joining the Pack for the 1998 season will be Alison Kreaeger, Brandy Rosser, Nikki Stiemler, Erin Vesey and Charce Williams.

Vesey, a 5-foot-9-inch setter from Paw Paw, Mich., was a 1997 Junior Olympic All-American.

Stiemler and Williams, from Illinois and South Carolina, respectively, both sign on as outside hitters. Williams and Kreaeger were both All-State selections in high school. Kreaeger hails from Indiana, while Rosser is from Greensboro, N.C., the Pack's only in-state signee.

Hall is reportedly excited about the versatility of the group, which is Hall's largest recruiting class in five years with the Wolfpack. Hall also believes that each of the four will be contenders for each of their positions next season.

Wheaties names Woods as newest spokesman

Wheaties has announced that Tiger Woods will be the cereal company's newest spokesman.

The announcement was made this past Monday at the official All Star Café at Disney's Wide World of Sports in Orlando.

Woods is the eighth athlete to be named an official spokesperson for the General Mills cereal, joining Bob Richards, Bruce Jenner, Mary Lou Retton, Chris Evert, Pete Rose, Walter Payton and Michael Jordan.

According to press releases from General Mills, Woods is "blown away to be acknowledged by Wheaties in the same breath as athletes I grew up admiring."

While numerous athletes have graced the cover of Wheaties boxes after outstanding achievements in the world of athletics, only eight athletes have been named spokespeople.

Woods became the youngest golfer ever to win the Masters Tournament last April, also earning recognition as the world's top golfer.

ACC

The 1998 Fan's Guide All-Defensive Team:

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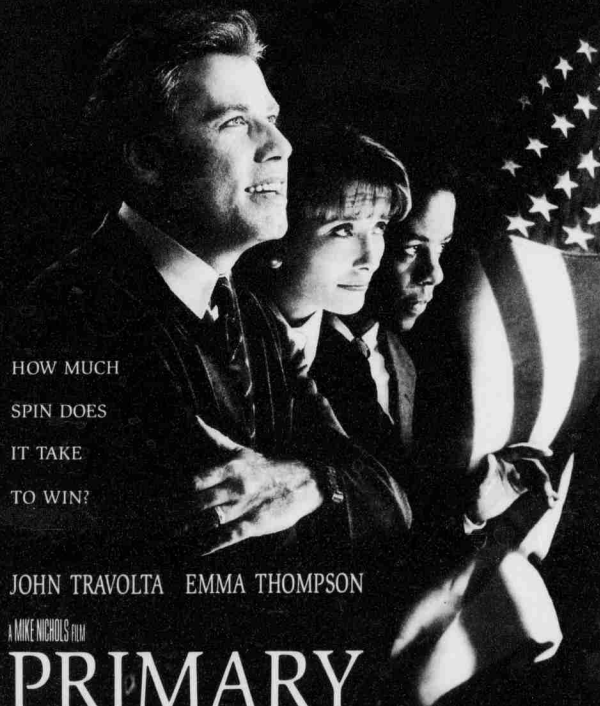
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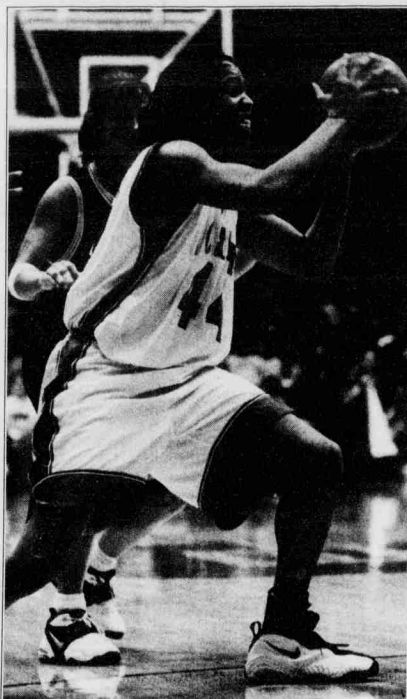
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Pack

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contest coming into the NCAA Tournament.

The Pack will also have to defend 5-foot-11-inch guard Ticha Penicherio, a well-respected ball handler who is averaging 10.4 points per game on the year but has a reputation for being lethal in the back-court on defense.

State's advantages, Shepard and Erb, have come on strong this

season, turning the State frontcourt into a minefield for opposing teams.

State also benefits from the addition of do-it-all guard Tynesha Lewis, who was tops this season among ACC Rookies in scoring and named the Rookie of the Week in the ACC six times throughout the season, reflecting her consistent play on both ends of the court for the Pack.

Of all the Sweet Sixteen pairings, this one just might be the most evenly matched and just happens to be the first of the eight games to be played across the country.

EAGL

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Mountaineers fall into that category of teams that, year in and year out, is always strong. This year is no exception.

But this won't be simply a two-horse race by any stretch of the imagination. Right on the Pack's heels is the very same New Hampshire team that State competed against over break. No doubt the Wildcats will be looking for a little retribution for their defeat in their final home meet of the year and should not be overlooked by any means.

Counting the Pack, all five of these teams will be serious contenders for the title this weekend. The remaining three teams — UNC-Chapel Hill, Pittsburgh and host-team Rutgers — theoretically have a shot, but aren't likely to taste EAGL gold.

But, as has been the case all season long, the ultimate goal for the Pack doesn't lie in the EAGL championship but rather in a trip to the national championships. This weekend's competition is a very crucial step on the path to that goal.

"The important part of the meet isn't the EAGL," Stevenson said. "It would be great to win, but the important thing is the score that counts for regionals will move us into that fourth spot. We need, at regionals, to be in that fourth spot in order for us to have our best chance to go to nationals."

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Bridges is big

■ A bum, a rug, bowling and nihilism make a good story.

MATT LEWICK
Assistant Features Editor

All of us have special peeves or principles. For one of us, it may be others' rash lack of respect; for another, being manipulated by a particular sales tactic; for yet another it may be as simple as refusing to pump gas from an Exxon station.

"The Big Lebowski" is the story of one man and how his defense of what he believes in — his rug — lands him smack in the middle of some foreign affairs. All this man wants is a bit of fairness and that is monetary reimbursement for a damaged rug that "really tied the room together."

"The Big Lebowski" is directed by Joel and Ethan Coen, the dynamic team of brothers who brought us "Fargo," "Raising Arizona" and "The Hudsucker Proxy." They have returned with a highly original script saturated with interesting characters that begins rolling as soon as the film opens.

The man with the urine-stained rug (Jeff Bridges) is Jeff Lebowski, but he goes by the humbler title of "The Dude." The name is appropriate — the Dude is an unemployed man whose life is marked solely by the passing of white Russians and bowling frames.

One fated night, the Dude returns home from the grocery store to encounter two thugs in his apartment. Using force and intimidation, they demand that he pay up. In a gesture of threat and disrespect, one of the thugs urinates on the Dude's rug, an action that ultimately alters the Dude's extremely laid-back and uneventful life.

The Dude realizes that the thugs obviously have the wrong man, and it so happens that he finds another Jeff Lebowski (David Huddleston). This man, the "Big" Lebowski, is a locally renowned, gray-haired, wheelchair-bound philanthropist who lives in an exquisitely furnished mansion. The Dude pays him a visit and leaves with one of his rugs.



(Left to right) The Dude (Bridges), Donny (Buscemi) and Walter (Goodman) listen to a rival bowler.

However, the Dude is asked to return to the "Big" Lebowski's estate and finds that he has become involved in a kidnapping scenario. Lebowski's young porn-star wife Bunny (Tara Reid) has been kidnapped in a convoluted scheme involving several parties, and the Dude is sent out on one wild ride.

Throughout all the commotion, the Dude takes psychological refuge in the confines of the bowling alley. His bowling partners, an angry and calloused Vietnam vet (John Goodman) and an ex-surfer whose attention switches between the physical world and an imaginative world of his own design (Steve Buscemi), work with the Dude to compete in a tournament. They also provide a good bit of the film's humor, and Goodman's character even shoves his way into the Dude's kidnapping affairs early in the ordeal.

Another complication to the kidnapping scenario is Maude, Lebowski's daughter by a previous marriage. Maude is as unlike her father as one can imagine her to be — she is an artist of an interesting sort who belongs in Parisian cafes and Scandinavian saunas. Maude

wants the Dude involved on her side, and her wishes are any that counter those of her father.

It seems Maude has some atypical political tendencies. A group of nihilists get involved, and their outrageous style adds more comedic spice to the script. Donned in black, riding motorcycles and generally just being a great nuisance and hassle to the Dude and his doings, these nihilists are far from being power-players in this kidnapping ordeal.

One of the strengths of this film is its dynamic and unpredictable state. Anything on screen can be of unexpected significance later in the film, and many of the on-screen constructs hark to other works in the cinematic realm. Frequently, the viewer is left to think in a deconstructive way — to strip the film to the little moments of truth, which he/she knows have not been discredited or questioned. Yet "The Big Lebowski" is still a film where you can fall into the story and be swept away with the same currents that tug at the characters. You might not easily relate to these people, but you can easily laugh at them and with them.

Weekly Schedule

Cinema

Campus Cinema
\$1.50 with Student Identification, \$2 without
Fri., March 20 and Sat., March 21 "Kiss the Girls" at 6:30, 8:45 & 11 p.m.
Sun., March 22 "Kelly's Heroes" at 7 p.m. Free
Tues., March 24 and Wed., March 25 "Schindler's List" at 7 p.m.
N.C. Museum of Art
March Film Series by Director Krzyzstof, \$3 per film
Fri., March 20 "Red" at 7 & 9:15 p.m.

Music

Brewery
Fri., March 20 Meatbox, Juice Baby, Tusk
Sat., March 21 Leadfoot, Beast
Cat's Cradle
Fri., March 20 Blue Rags
Sun., March 22 Sunday Showcase (8 bands)
Mon., March 23 Come
Tues., March 24 Charlie Hunter Quartet
Wed., March 25 John Doe Thing
Thurs., March 26 Rocket from the Crypt
Lake Boone Country Club
Fri., March 20 Breakfast Club
Sat., March 21 Burgeon
Record Exchange - Hillsborough Street
Sat., March 21 Big Bad Voodoo Daddy's at 6:30 p.m.
Ziggy's - Winston Salem
Fri., March 20 WKRA 94.5 Fan Appreciation Night
Sat., March 21 Stuck Mojo, Hed Pe, UltraSpank
Wed., March 25 Charlie Hunter
Raleigh Memorial Auditorium
Fri., March 20 and Sat., March 21 North Carolina Symphony premiere of "Bahia" with harpist Yolanda Kondonassis at 8 p.m. \$17-\$33. Open rehearsal March 20 at 10 a.m. \$9
Sun., March 22 Raleigh Oratorio Society Symphonic Choir presentation of Bach's "Mass in B Minor" at 8 p.m. \$15
Reynolds Theatre, Duke West Campus
Sat., March 21 Miami String Quartet at 8 p.m. \$10-\$15

Events

N.C. State Fairgrounds
Fri.-Mon., March 20-23, Kennel Club Shows in Graham Building
Fri.-Sun., March 20-22, Raleigh Indoor Spring Classic II at Hunt Horse Complex
Fri.-Sun., March 20-22, N.C. Antiquarian Book Fair in Scott Building
Fri.-Sat., March 21, Girl Scouts Great Raleigh Run Around at Youth Center
Mon., March 23 NCSU Dept. of Psychology Colloquium Series: "Why Johnny Can't Read Research Reports"
Tues., March 24 NCSU Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholar Program: Harvard Physicist Dr. Howard Georgi with lecture "Symmetry - From Kaleidoscopes to Theories of Everything and Nothing" at 4 p.m. in 216 Poe
Tues., March 24 Recording artist 3X at 7 p.m. in NCSU African-American Cultural Center

Performances

Raleigh Little Theatre
Sat., March 21 "Jack and the Wonder Beans" at 2 p.m. \$5
The Arts-Center - Carboro
Fri., March 20 Singer/songwriter John Gorka at 8 p.m. \$10
Sat., March 21 Jazz act Khalid Saleem & the Rhythms of Life at 8 p.m. \$12
Carolina Theatre, Royal Center for the Arts
Sun., March 22 Durham Symphony's Classical Concerts: "Tomorrow's Promise" at 7 p.m.
Graham Memorial Theatre, UNC-CH
Fri.-Sat., Tues.-Sun., March 11-April 5 Playmakers presents "Mrs. Klein" \$9-\$23
Page Auditorium, Duke West Campus
Fri.-Sun., March 20-22 Youth jazz dance performances and workshops at 7 p.m.
Governor Hunt Horse Complex (Raleigh)
Wed., March 25 Premier Symphony of Horses at 7:30 p.m.
Jones Chapel, Meredith College
Sat., March 21 Graduate Flute Recital at 7 p.m.*
Sun., March 22 Junior Voice Recital at 7 p.m.*
Tues., March 24 Faculty Recital at 8 p.m.*
*the above are in the Carswell Building and are free

Opportunities

Frank Porter Graham Student Union Bldg., UNC-CH
Sat., March 21 Auditions for a variety of positions for numerous upcoming outdoor dramas. Check in from 7:30-9 a.m.
Research Triangle Institute, RTP
Wed., March 25 Business Writing Workshop series: "How to be a Technical Writer" at 6:30, \$65
Exhibitions
Louise Jones Brown Gallery Bryan Center, Duke West Campus
"Language Lessons" through Sat., March 21
ArtsCenter
Art school Faculty Exhibition runs through Tues., March 25
Witherspoon Student Center
"We Are All Housekeepers" through Fri., March 27
Duke University Museum of Art, Duke East Campus
"The Birth of an Image" through May 17
"50 Years of Graphic Art" through March 22, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays-Fridays; 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturdays; 2-5 p.m. Sundays

Service Raleigh

■ The deadline to sign up to volunteer for Service Raleigh is Saturday.

Feature Staff Report

In order to promote a sense of community in the Raleigh area, the N.C. State Student Government and the NCSU Park Scholars have designated Sat., March 28 as a day of community service and volunteerism. In an event called Service Raleigh, participants from all walks of life will volunteer in different capacities within the community.

Currently, NCSU students are in the process of gathering organizations, clubs, families and individuals to form a pool of volunteers who will then be paired with partner groups in the surrounding area. These partners can be any group or organization in Raleigh that is in need of volunteers. Possible projects include working in homeless shelters, painting nursing homes, beautifying highways and even constructing houses.

The deadline for registration for both volunteers and partner groups is Sat., March 21. Volunteers can contact Jennifer Shafer at 512-7506 or fax her at 515-8933.

March 28 has been designated as a day of community service and volunteerism.

All groups, families and individuals are welcome, although children under the age of 13 should be accompanied by an adult.

Interested partner groups should contact Brent Sentiell at 512-1325 or April Wilson at 512-5621. Partners should be able to provide instructions for volunteers and someone to supervise the site.

Service Raleigh volunteers will be notified of their assignment after they have been matched with a partner group. They will work with their assigned partner on March 28, from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The event will conclude with a gala reception and party for all volunteers at Broughton High School, located at the intersection of St. Mary's and Peace streets. The lineup includes Mind Sirens, an a cappella group called Wolfgang and singer/songwriter Tyler England. Refreshments will be provided.

The objective of Service Raleigh is to mobilize the citizens of Raleigh to achieve common goals while improving their community. It aims to instill an awareness of the importance of community service as well as provide an opportunity for people to celebrate these efforts. The organizers of the event also hope that the volunteers will become more involved in the community after they realize the potential impact of their work.

Already the response has been overwhelming with volunteers coming from area companies, such as Glaxo-Wellcome, on-campus organizations and families volunteering through their local YMCA. Several partner groups have been lined up as well, including Trees Across Raleigh, Habitat for Humanity, MADD, The National Multiple Sclerosis Society, The Governor Morehead School, PlaySpace, Northridge Retirement Home Village and Dorothea Dix Hospital.

The sponsors for the event are U.S. Fleet Commercial Fueling Service, Coca-Cola and Manhattan Bagel.

the Self Knowledge SYMPOSIUM

SKS sponsors contest

■ A writing contest proves it pays to know yourself.

Features Staff Report

This spring, The Self Knowledge Symposium (SKS) is sponsoring the Life Worth Living Writing Contest, the largest student-organized writing competition ever held in North Carolina. The contest is co-sponsored by the Kenan Ethics Program at Duke, the Carolina Parents' Fund at UNC-Chapel Hill and the Division of Undergraduate Academics at N.C. State and will be a part of the prestigious N.C. Literary Festival (April 3-5) at UNC-CH.

The contest is open to all full-time undergraduate and graduate students at NCSU, UNC-CH and Duke University. First prize in the contest is \$1000. Several \$100 prizes will also be awarded for the best entry by each university and the best entry by a freshman.

Winners will be announced at the N.C. Literary Festival, where they will have the honor of reading their works alongside some of the most recognized authors in the South.

The submission deadline is Tues., March 24, 1998. Contest rules and sample essays are at the SKS Web site: www.selfknowledge.org. On Thurs., Feb. 5 at 7:30 p.m., novelist Bart Marshall will lead a writing workshop to help students get started on their essays in Tompkins G113.

Students will write a short (1000 words or less) personal narrative or commentary that somehow addresses the age-old philosophic question: "What is the life worth living?" While the topic may sound abstract and academic, the organizers are really looking for creative works that hinge on compelling, thoughtful, personal stories.

"We're looking for the kind of

essays that get aired on National Public Radio — personal, reflective stories that make you think," says Roop Mundi, president of the Self Knowledge Symposium at NCSU.

"It's the kind of thing best friends talk about until the wee hours of the morning. We want the real stuff."

The SKS's approach to combining the personal and the philosophic has won enthusiastic support from university leaders. William Willimon, Dean of Duke Chapel and one of the contest's sponsors, said, "I wish I could require every student of the university to do this kind of writing. Struggling with the big questions, the spiritual questions — 'Who am I? Where am I going with my life?' — should be at the center of the college experience. Students are hungry for meaning; they want to talk about these issues, and the SKS is one of the few venues in the university where they can tackle those issues head-on. This group is one of the most exciting things happening in higher education today."

Elizabeth Kiss, the Director of the Kenan Ethics Program at Duke University, agrees with Willimon. "Ethics is more than academic speculation; it concerns, as Socrates said, 'how we ought to live.' This writing contest encourages the kind of personal moral reflection, which lies at the heart of the examined ethical life. It's a creative way of encouraging people to explore the deepest questions we face as human beings. I can't wait to read the students' stories."

Rachel Davies, the director of the N.C. Literary Festival, is excited about including the contest as a part of the three-day gathering of Southern writers and readers. "It's very important to us to have students directly involved in the festival. If the students aren't a part of it, why have a festival on campus at all? We're glad the SKS is

working so hard to put student writers in the limelight." Entries will be judged by a panel of students and faculty members. Faculty judges will include: Marianne Gingham, director of the UNC-CH Creative Writing Program and author of "Bobby Rex's Greatest Hit"; Alan Shapiro, UNC-CH creative writing instructor, winner of a Lila Wallace and Reader's Digest award and author of "Vigil" and "The Last Happy Occasion"; William Willimon, dean of Duke Chapel and author of over 60 books including "The Search for Meaning"; Elizabeth Kiss, director of the Kenan Ethics Program and Duke University; Linda Holley, associate head and director of Undergraduate Studies of the NCSU English department; Tim McLaurin, creative writing instructor at NCSU and author of "Cured by Fire" and "The Last Great Snake Show."

A student group with hundreds of students at NCSU, UNC-CH and Duke, the SKS explores important philosophical issues with an emphasis on real-life application. It was founded in 1989 by top Triangle software CEO August Turak, a co-founder of MTV who has lectured nationally about spiritual seeking.

The Life Worth Living Writing Contest is only the latest in a string of highly publicized events that the SKS has sponsored. Last semester, the group's "What Is Enlightenment?" event series featured world-famous figures such as religious scholar Huston Smith, psychologist Joseph Chilton Pearce and Trappist Abbot Francis Kline. Father Kline's lecture "Why Be A Monk?" and organ recital, "The Spiritual Bach," drew over 1700 people, the first sell-out crowd at Duke Chapel.

Duggins

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industry, but the last few years have seen the emergence of women as more than actresses or singers. Now, women seek more creative control, assisting in the direction of their movies or television shows and producing their own albums.

The last few years, but 1997 in particular, saw the strong re-emergence of women on the music scene. Music has been revitalized by the talent of new and upcoming female artists. While other "male-dominated" tours began having problems, along came Lillith Fair, a tour organized by Sarah McLachlan to promote women on the tour. In its inaugural year, artists like Fiona Apple, Jewel, Paula Cole and the Indigo Girls participated in some dates of the Lillith Fair.

Following a strong year for women in most genres of music, this year's Lillith Fair will feature a more musically diverse line-up. Slated to appear with the tour this year are Missy "Misdemeanor" Elliott and Erskay Badu, women who have breathed new life into their music genres.

Recent years have also seen women return to the big screen, an industry that has been a haven for women for decades. Actresses like Neve Campbell have taken over the big screen with portraits of their talent. This decade has seen the return of Kim Basinger, child-prodigy-turned-adult Drew Barrymore and the original Foxy Brown, Pam Grier. Girl power has taken over at the box office.

On the smaller screen, the female influence is more historical. "Xena,

the Warrior Princess" stands as one of the few portrayals of heroines in television history. True to her warrior status, "Xena" continues to battle, even against male counterpart, "Hercules." MTV's "Daria" is unique in that its star is a teenage female whose strength lies in her intelligence, not her popularity or beauty. And whether or not you agree with her behavior, Ellen Degeneres has made her way into the history books by becoming the first openly gay character on a television series. The female impact on the world of politics has been felt for a long time, but never to the level it has reached now. Women are achieving more than was ever thought possible before in a world dominated by men.

The female presence in state and national governments has risen to its highest level in years. Issues of importance to women (and men, too) are at the forefront of politics. Past activists have paved the way for today's female politicians — a job that weren't "allowed" to have back then. Women's role in American history has grown significantly since the sewing days of Betsey Ross. Just in case you didn't know, this is Women's History Month — a time for all of us to acknowledge and praise the works of all women. It's amazing to look at the changes that women have undergone in such a short amount of time. Young girls who aspire to greatness now have other women who are in the spotlight for them to look up to, something unforeseen years ago. The thought that a woman can do anything that a man can do has never been more accurate.

E-mail Natalie with any questions, comments or concerns at SaveLive@aol.com.

University of Wisconsin up in arms over gay marriage-banning bill

■ A state bill which would ban gay marriages is up for consideration; both sides are proud they're loud.

KELLY K. SPORS
Bader Herald (U. Wisconsin)

(U-WIRE) MADISON, Wis. — Christian activists and gay and lesbian rights supporters filled the Capitol Wednesday to testify before a Senate committee on same-sex marriages.

The Committee on Judiciary, Campaign Finance Reform and Consumer Affairs held a public hearing to debate a bill which would ban same-sex marriage in Wisconsin and void acknowledgement of same-sex marriages occurring in other states which may allow them.

According to the author of the bill, Rep. Lorraine Serrati, R-Spread Eagle, there are no states which presently allow same-sex marriages but nine states, including Hawaii and Rhode Island, are considering

the proposition. "[The bill] would prevent a minority of our population from imposing a very rapid viewpoint on society as a whole," she said.

Serrati said it is important for the state to clarify its stance on same-sex marriage before it becomes legal. Fifteen other states, she said, are also considering this formal ban.

Serrati said if the bill was not passed, the sanctity of marriage could be endangered.

"I think there could be a complete redefinition of what marriage is, and also, we could find ourselves in serious condition with families," she said. "For the protection of families, for the protection of children and for the protection of the institution of marriage, I think it is imperative that we pass [this bill]."

Several members of the gay, lesbian and transgender community attended the hearing to protest the bill.

Three members of a family with a

transgendered parent said they worried what the bill, if passed, would mean to their family.

"If enacted, this will make our marriages adulterous and our children illegitimate," Debra Johnson, the transgendered parent, said.

Britta Johnson, a daughter in the family, said the bill could instate economic hardship on a family which does not deserve to be punished.

"[My parents] have shown me what a loving marriage is all about," she said.

Several Christian activists, with Bible in hand, spoke out in favor of the bill.

Michael Foht, a co-worker for Wisconsin Christians United, said sexual orientations other than heterosexuality should be outlawed. Needless to say, he felt homosexuals should not be allowed to engage in same-sex marriages.

"Same-sex marriages would be the final blow to our civilized society," Foht said.

Foht and others quoted passages from the Bible that they believe support the idea that homosexuality is a sin in "God's Law".

Despite the religious fervor in support of the bill, a few ministers attended to protest the bill and emphasized the point that same-sex marriages are just as sacred as any other marriage.

Jonah Johnstone, a minister at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation and an "out" lesbian, said she performs numerous same-sex marriages. These marriages, she said, often are better thought out and more committed than marriages between people of the opposite sex.

"Such a union, even when not a legally recognized marriage, makes them think carefully and thoroughly about what their commitment to one another means," Johnstone said. "Because unlike straight couples, gay and lesbian couples must violate social norms and tread their own individual paths to declare their love."

Pot professor walks on court date

■ Penn State's weed-smoking professor leaves court; a justice issues his arrest warrant.

EMILY REHRING
Daily Collegian (Pennsylvania State U.)

(U-WIRE) STATE COLLEGE, Penn. — Retired Professor Julian Heicklen has been trying for several weeks to get his day in court.

Yesterday he was scheduled for a preliminary hearing on charges of marijuana possession, however, Heicklen left the courthouse angry before his case could be heard, resulting in a warrant for his arrest.

Heicklen said he felt he had

waited long enough for his 1 p.m. hearing. By 20 minutes after the scheduled time, Heicklen left the courthouse, complaining of a slow trial process.

"When the judge finally arrived, he didn't apologize or introduce himself," Heicklen said. "The bottom line is I appeared and they didn't. The trial is over."

The preliminary hearing was for charges filed after Heicklen's Feb. 25 marijuana protest. The hearing took place later in the afternoon in the absence of Heicklen. District Justice Allen Sinclair, realizing Heicklen was not in the courtroom, issued a bench

warrant for Heicklen's arrest.

Sinclair said Heicklen could have come before him as early as last night, depending on when the warrant was filed.

When Heicklen is arrested, he will go before Sinclair for an arraignment. At this meeting, Sinclair said he could set bail or release Heicklen, and he will also set the date for his new preliminary hearing on marijuana possession charges. "I hope they do it before dinner," Heicklen said. "I haven't made any dinner plans yet."

Heicklen said police actions will determine if he will continue his weekly protest today. On past Thursdays,

Heicklen has held marijuana protests on College Avenue with the intent to nullify all marijuana laws.

For the past few weeks, Heicklen has made similar claims of the slow trial process. Heicklen said he has not received a speedy trial because his preliminary hearing date was set almost a month after the charges were filed.

"That's the arrogance of tyranny, and it must not be tolerated," Heicklen added.

Three other people charged in the February protest with Heicklen will have their preliminary hearings next Wednesday.

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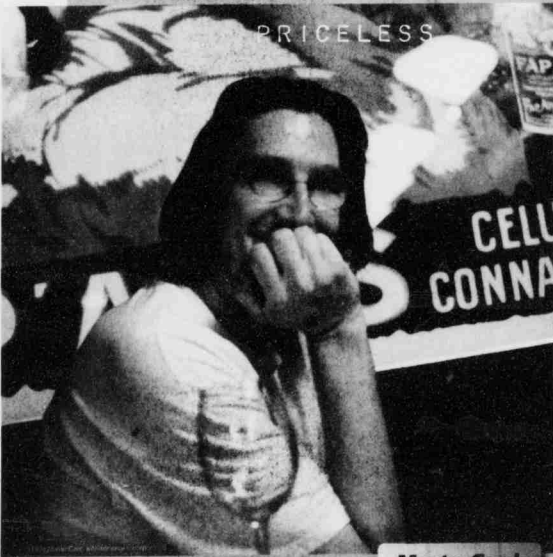


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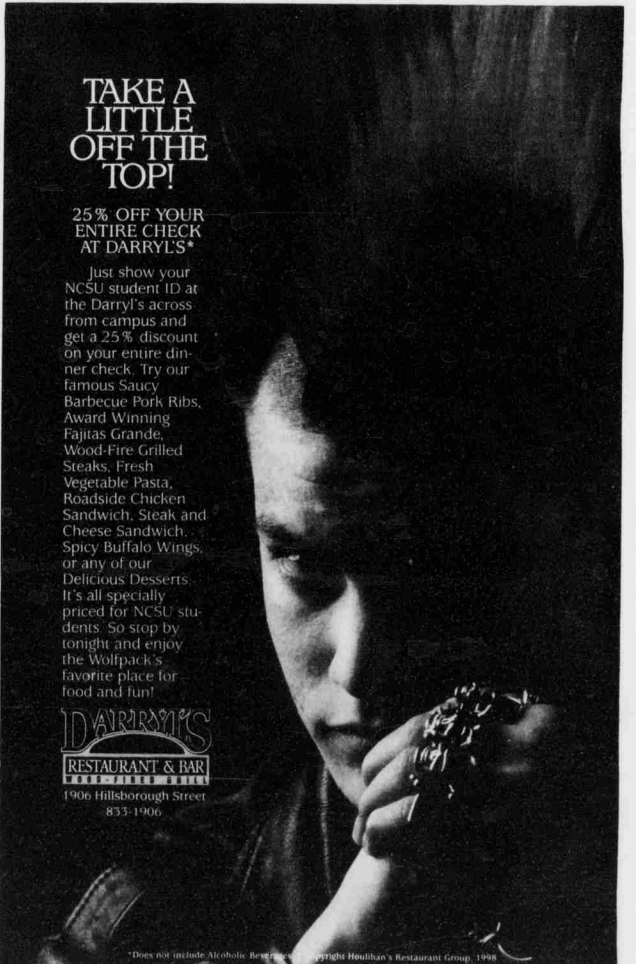
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Editorials

Fairer to everyone

Getting represented on campus.

Over the past few weeks, the campus has been in an uproar over what was thought to be the dissolution of the Black Student's Board by the Union Activities Board.

It turned out, though, that all the uproar was just that — uproar. The BSB was never in danger of being dissolved.

The UAB is, however, considering a restructuring proposal. What this means is that instead of the UAB having different committees like the Film Committee, the BSB, or whatever, there would be roles such as a media coordinator or diversity coordinators.

Under this proposal, the BSB is no longer under the control of UAB but will be its own separate operation.

What has many people concerned is that the BSB, being its own operation, will therefore not receive money from the UAB. The current structure allows for money to go to each committee, while, under the new structure, the coordinators would be responsible for granting funds to the different groups. Many feel that the UAB will be

doing away with funding for the BSB, which will limit its effectiveness representing minorities on campus.

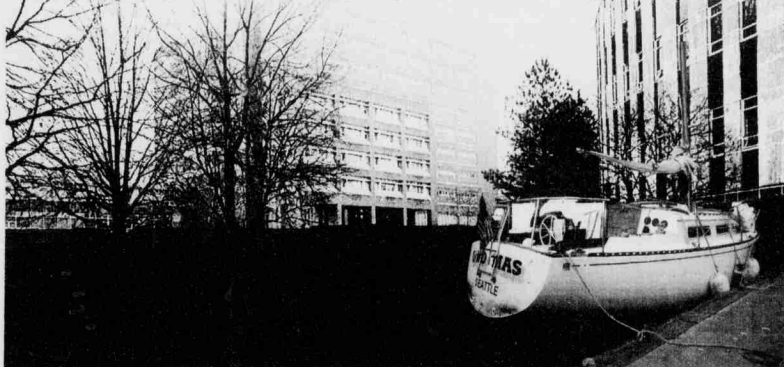
What really needs to be considered is that letting the BSB stand on its own will hurt the university and that keeping the BSB under the wing of the UAB and getting a diversity coordinator would be the best idea.

It's for the greater good. Let's face it: The BSB may be doing a fine job of representing African American students, but it's only representing African American students. A diversity coordinator would help the UAB represent more minorities and divide money up for the different programs much more equally.

Also, the BSB has its events — many of them big money makers — planned out way in advance. So they're not going to suffer because of the restructuring, and other groups will benefit. It will be the best plan for all involved.

But, if you don't think so, the new UAB structure is not yet set in stone. Let your feelings be known on April 15 when another town council is held. These students are elected to serve you, so help them do their best job.

N.C. State after the rains...



N.C. State afloat in rain

Directors, leave fans alone

CHAD MESSER
Staff Columnist

It seems that the time of year has rolled around again where the men's and women's hoops seasons are coming to a close, and the new administrative pastime, complaining like Oprah on Slim Fast, is kicking up again. Normally, this is a harmless time of year. Fans look toward next season as the one that will return us to past glory; the administration looks to boost student fees to build some mammoth arena out in the boonies; and Les Robinson looks to monkey up the impeccable job that he has done as athletics director the last couple of years.

The object of Mr. Robinson's hissy fit this time, as described in Monday's front page article "Fan Conduct Disappoints Robinson," is, well, fan conduct. It seems that, during the last few home games, some fans threw cups at coaches and players and even went so far as to

(gasp) curse at them. While it is hardly ever appropriate or effective to launch beverages at the enemy (although it might have helped Saddam in the Gulf War), I never in my wildest dreams expected to be sentenced to an eternity in hell for saying that the opposing point guard is a @#%\$. Whether or not the point guard is or is not a @#%\$ is strictly up to individual interpretation. Saying that he is a @#%\$ is technically protected under the First Amendment, at least until he proves that he is not, in fact, a @#%\$.

While this argument may seem unnecessary, not to mention somewhat silly, the student vulgarity level at men's home basketball games is enough to send Les Robinson into a volcanic tizzy, so it should be addressed by student media (me).

The Clemson game was a prime example of the Athletic Department's argument for basically not allowing students to attend the

games that they finance, so I will use in a half-brained attempt to justify my argument, as well. Monday's article stated that, during that game, "fans continuously heckled the Clemson team. After the game, cups and ice rained down on the officials, as well as the Clemson players and coaches." This was a fact. I was doing most of the heckling. This incident evidently raised one of Robinson's big of bushy eyebrows, eliciting a quote of "Blah, blah, blah." What he meant was that "We have to get those fans that have spoiled it for the other 12,200 fans that are exemplary."

The trouble with this whole situation is that no student media outlet mentioned the things that brought out this student-section outburst. Maybe from your seat up near the governor, Robinson, you didn't see the Clemson personnel leaping up on the scorer's table immediately after the game and attempting to draw the entire

Wolfpack Club into a veritable Jim Ross WCW slobberknocker. Maybe you didn't see Clemson Coach Rick Barnes taunting the remaining fans just prior to his ESPN interview. Maybe you didn't see Terrell McIntyre flick the students off, telling us that we were No. 1. Or maybe, just maybe, as with your few years at the helm of the men's basketball program, when we got down a couple of points, your head was somewhere else.

That is not to say that Les hasn't been one of the best athletics directors in our school's long history, because he has. That is not to say that he didn't resurrect a program that had a lot of problems in the wake of Jimmy V., because he has. Les Robinson gave this school the best gift of all when he hired Herb Sendek and had enough faith to sign him to a long-term and lucrative contract. This doesn't mean that he

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Summer access to accounts

All students will be able to access accounts during summer.

I imagine you are expecting an important message to be sent to your Unity account. Problem is, it's summer session. You have made a special trip to the unity lab, only to discover that your account has been frozen. You can't access your account. Needless to say, fear and panic set in.

This is exactly what students experienced last summer. During the summer sessions last year, N.C. State students who were not registered for summer session could not use their Unity account. Luckily, changes have been made in the Unity account policy for the upcoming '98 summer session. Students who do not plan to attend summer school but have pre-registered for the fall semester can now keep their unity account and obtain access to use the account throughout the semester.

Students will now be allowed to use the computers in the unity labs and check e-mail while summer sessions are in progress.

Students who will not attend the summer semester are relieved to know that they will be able to access their accounts. Students use their Unity address for nine months, so what's another three — especially considering the fees we pay for these privileges? Students depend on their account to obtain important information that they may need to receive and communicate with other individuals.

If students wish to continue being able to use their unity account throughout the summer, it is important for students to recognize the privilege and use the account. Information will still be able to be sent directly to your account, and all processes that one can do throughout the year can now still continue throughout the summer.

For all you students who plan to relax this summer, remember that you can still have important messages and information sent to your account. The account will hold your messages until you have the chance to access the system. Happy telneting.

RYAN KELLOGG
Staff Columnist

Last week's story on a mile-wide asteroid heading toward Earth was the first truly important thing the media has reported in months. Sure, it was later proven someone had screwed up the calculations and the apocalypse wouldn't be coming in 2028, but at least it was interesting.

The same can't be said for the rest of the news lately. For whatever reason, it appears we as Americans have run out of crises to worry about. Blame it on the end of the Cold War, the booming economy and dirt-cheap gas, but there's no denying it, we're bored. What else would explain every paper, magazine and news show's interest in

the prez's uncontrollable libido? What we need now is a new purpose, something that will capture this renewed confidence we have.

Because no matter how cynical you are, there's always going to be a part of you that wants to believe in something bigger than your own little life. For one brief day that chunk of frozen rock, 1997 XF 11, made the world turn its head back to a forgotten passion and the single greatest challenge of the future: space.

Do you realize it's been over 25 years since man last went to the moon? Twenty-five years! That was back in the early '70s when the most advanced technology was the 8-track, and polyester was king. Today we have calculators that could blow the

pants off the most advanced computers the disco decade had to offer.

But what have we done with it except remain hopelessly earth-bound, floating safely snugly in our own atmosphere?

People will argue, "but we have so many problems here we can't afford to waste money on space missions." Strange but the last time I checked, the 1960s weren't exactly carefree. We had a few "little problems" like Vietnam, race riots and the USSR to deal with. But throughout this era, this country held a commitment to space exploration that would put the 1990s to shame. In fact, the much-celebrated Apollo missions were some of the '60s few aspects worth remembering.

Even as the country seemed engulfed in chaos, there was a shining beacon of hope when humans landed on the moon, a sense that we could still achieve greatness.

Luckily, some people realize this untapped potential and are doing something about it. In fact, one of the nation's most ambitious research programs is right here at N.C. State's own aerospace engineering department.

Since 1988 NCSU has been one of nine University Space Engineering Research Centers established by NASA. The main goal of the program is to develop the necessary technologies for efficient space travel to the moon, Mars and back to Earth.

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Space: the final frontier to explore

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"Girl power" isn't just a phrase popularized by the Spice Girls anymore — it's taken on a whole life of its own.

Girl power — really, "woman" power — has, in all its splendor, taken the world by storm, making a significant impact on society. Whether it be in the fields of sports, entertainment or politics, few facets of life go untouched by the outstretching arms of girl power. Since the initiation of Title IX, which helped to close the gender gap in college and high school athletics, women's sports have reached unforeseen heights. Popularity of women's athletics has

grown immensely, and, in the last few years, women's sports have reached a new level of popularity. Following an incredible streak of 64 road wins and a gold medal in the Olympic games, women's basketball freed its way into the spotlight.

Soon thereafter came the inaugural season of the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA), the most successful pro league ever created for women. Female basketball players, including numerous N.C. State alumni, can now display their talents in America rather than having to travel overseas. In a short amount of time, the WNBA has achieved unprecedented success. Even the NBA has recognized the

potential talent of WNBA players. During the all-star game, the slam dunk competition was replaced by the two-ball competition, where the teams were comprised of an NBA and a WNBA standout.

Going into the 1998 Winter Olympic Games, high expectations were set for the U.S. men's hockey team. The National Hockey League (NHL) took a hiatus from its regular schedule to send its players to Nagano, Japan in hopes of returning with the gold medals. The expectations were not met, however, and the NHL players left Nagano with moments of their trip and battered egos.

The women's hockey team was met with lower expectations. In its first year of competition, though,

Team USA returned to America draped in Olympic gold.

Thirty years ago, who would've predicted this? Who would've guessed that women would have shoe deals equal to those of men? Who would've guessed that female athletes would become the spokespeople for various products? Young girls outside playing basketball or skiing or skating don't have to look toward males as their primary athletic role models because female athletes are more apparent than they have ever been. Who would've guessed that girl power would be reigning supreme in sports?

Women have always played an important role in the entertainment

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is on any horse high enough to berate the students for doing what they do best. I never heard him complaining when we were cheering for his teams.

The Athletics Department's solution to this "problem" of vulgarity is to let Public Safety harass and push around people in the student section. This has happened to me, personally. It has happened to all my friends. It is pathetic. Les has also threatened to do a "little switching between comparable student and non-student seating." Well, maybe the students should do "a little switching" of their student fees from athletic to non-athletic venues. It is hardly a bright thing to put down and disrespect your most vital and loyal fan base. It is downright stupid.

Robinson thinks that we should model our fan support after (surprise) Chapel Hill (insert your own ESA joke here). He said, when we spanked that baby blue but by 14 points, that "they were extremely gracious in defeat." That is

extremely gracious crap. My own roommate sat in the Carolina student section during that game, and they were as vulgar as we are on a bad night, though not nearly as creative. It's just that the Carolina students are perched so far away from the floor that, to the casual onlooker, their cries sound more like a prolonged whine than anything else. Out of sight, out of mind, right?

This column is meant in no way to disrespect Mr. Les Robinson or his policies. He is doing an admirable job. He is also, by attacking the students in favor of the alumni, trying to keep it. He cannot, however, threaten the student body with putting us in the back of the bus. By God, we shall overcome. All it would take is putting our money elsewhere, be it student fees, ticket costs, T-shirt sales or generous alumni donations. We could demand that all the money that we have unwittingly pumped into the construction of the Unholy Taxpayer Dome be returned with a big red bow on top. Is it right for us to support a program that evidently has so little respect for its fans, coaches and players? I expected this kind of hot air from the doddering old codgers that leave the games 10 minutes into the second half, but not you, Les. Not you.

Kellog

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So far the program has had numerous successes, including significant developments in aerobraking, used in the landing of the Mars Pathfinder probe last July, and the construction of a full scale model of the HL-20 launch vehicle, a sort of mini-shuttle to be used as a space "taxi."

As of March 15, this sort of groundbreaking news continues as four students from NCSU are spending two weeks down at the Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas.

There the team of junior-year aerospace engineers, Timothy Hunt, Warren Jones, Trent Kingery and Jennifer Price, will be testing their experiment in a microgravity environment. For the undergrads this will mean a ride on the KC-135A aircraft, affectionately nicknamed the "Vomit Comet." Used throughout NASA's history as a means for

training astronauts for the rigors of space travel, the ride makes most roller coasters look like a merry-go-round. The plane makes steep climbs and descents at 45-degree angles and pulls ins and outs at 1.8-g's.

The team hopes to take advantage of the weightless environment for the testing of its flow control device, an apparatus that NASA hopes can have applications aboard the future international space station.

Clearly the opportunities for space exploration are unbelievably immense. With the discovery of a water source on the moon, it's now possible to build those colonies that we thought in the '60s would be flourishing by now. The effort won't be easy and the costs are so high that we must share the burden.

But that's perhaps the greatest reason for pushing ahead. It's been pretty apparent that organizations like the United Nations aren't going to bring countries together as some people once thought. But in the challenge of building a moon colony or going to Mars,

it won't matter what race or nationality you are. Because our little solar system is so immense that we humans, in comparison, are so small, there can't help but be a bond between us, regardless of politics.

Throughout history mankind has been an explorer of places and ideas, with an almost continuous search to discover who we are and why we are here. For century after century, Earth was enough to contain this appetite for knowledge, but we've reached a point where we need to move on. We took those first uneasy steps 30 years ago but have been treading water ever since. Now at the height of prosperity we have a chance to pick up where we left off. At least that way, reporters will finally have something truly important to write about.


Some people call him a space cowboy — when it comes to exploring the outer reaches. If you agree with him or if you think money would be better spent giving more welfare handouts to "cure" poverty, than you can reach him at rpkellog@eos.ncsu.edu.

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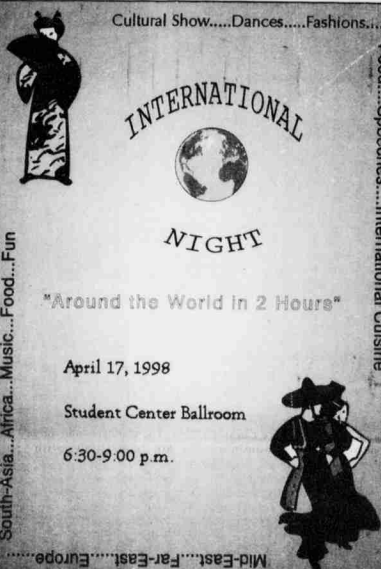
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Connerly ignites MSU wrath

Ward Connerly continues to incite adulation, protests and bile as he spreads his anti-affirmative action views.

JOSEPH SWAY AND FRED WOODHAMS
State News (Michigan State U.)

(U-WIRE) ANN ARBOR — Outspoken anti-affirmative action advocate Ward Connerly brought his controversial message to a university embattled with two lawsuits, challenging its race-based admissions policies Wednesday.

The University of California Board of Regents member spoke to a crowd of about 600 at the U-M Michigan League as more than 120 protesters demonstrated and picketed outside, chanting, "equal quality education. We won't go back to segregation."

"I believe racial discrimination or discrimination based on any trait that people can't control is wrong," Connerly said. "We want to abolish those programs that treat people differently. When is it legitimate to classify people and say you win and you lose?"

After speaking for 20 minutes, Connerly participated in an hour-long debate, which sometimes became a shouting match. He attacked racial preferences, but argued for a move toward a system that supports the economically disadvantaged of all races.

"I do not want to end affirmative action," he said to the jeers of many in the crowd. "(Affirmative action supporters) start framing the debate as trying to end all affirmative action."

Connerly, the chairman of the American Civil Rights Institute, led the campaign to get Proposition 209 on California's ballot in 1996. The proposition eliminated affirmative action in the state.

Inside the ballroom, many sat on the floor and lined the back of the room to hear the man who said he probably benefited from affirmative action, but believes it is immoral.

"We're making sure that Michigan is not segregated like what you're trying to do in California," one audience member said.

Connerly said in response: "I'm sure this is good therapy. At the end of the day they're going to take your philosophy and put it where it belongs."

Protesters carried their signs with them into the ballroom and those denied access into the ballroom shouted sporadically, "Let us in."

Connerly got short with many audience members and threatened to walk out if they were not more respectful.

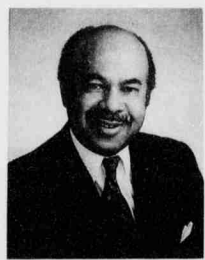
"I don't know why some of you are here, if you don't want to listen," said Connerly as some of the audience applauded. He was invited to speak by U-M's Young Americans Foundation, which opposes affirmative action. The group paid Connerly \$5,000.

It was an end to a long day for Connerly, who received a similar reception in Lansing earlier in the day, in which some lawmakers interrupted his remarks with jeers. He testified before the state Senate Government Operations Committee about a resolution that would outlaw preferences.

After Connerly completed his testimony, a man shouted, "Congratulations, Mr. Connerly. You are the poster boy for white supremacy."

Connerly, who is Black, told reporters after the meeting that he encounters critics everywhere.

"It is amazing how otherwise rational people lose it," he said. "There have been a lot worse, but this was a microcosm of others. It is probably less in force because of



Ward Connerly, the African-American businessman making headlines with his anti-affirmative action stance.

the size of the crowd." Committee Chairman Bill Bullard, R-Milford, invited Connerly to speak. Bullard sponsored the legislation, but doesn't plan on sending the resolution to the Senate for consideration. He said he plans to introduce the resolution in each of

the next two years to foster dialogue on the issue.

Bullard said he hopes the issue will be placed on the ballot, but said he believes it will take a petition drive by supporters. State Rep. Deborah Whyman, R-Canton, announced Monday she would start such a petition drive to get it on the November ballot.

"We are pleased that the Senate has reached out and invited such a distinguished bearer of good news in the form of Mr. Ward Connerly," he said. "The example he brings forward gives us a clear road map of what Michigan should never do."

Anthony argued that affirmative action doesn't give minorities preferences, just opportunities. His closing quote from a James Brown song resulted in cheers from his supporters at the meeting.

"I don't want nobody to give me nothing, just open up the door and I'll get it myself," he said.

Connerly said those who refuse to admit affirmative action results in preferences "are not living in the real world."

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Smoking an issue at Brown U.

Smoking is discouraged by physicians at a dismal rate.

DAVID CHANG
Brown Daily Herald (Brown U.)

(U-WIRE) PROVIDENCE, R.I. — A recent survey conducted by an Associate Professor of Bio-Medicine and Psychiatry Michael Goldstein found that physicians encourage patients to stop smoking only half the time.

Dr. Goldstein and his colleagues from the Brown University School of Medicine surveyed 3,037 Rhode Island smokers who had visited physicians within the last year and found that only 51 percent of the time, smoking was brought up.

In these cases, 46 percent of the patients were advised to quit, 15 percent were offered help, nine percent were prescribed medication, and three percent had a follow-up appointment.

Paradoxically, previous studies have shown that 75 to 90 percent of primary care physicians say they provide smoking cessation advice to all or almost all their smoking patients.

The Brown survey was reported in the Archives of Internal Medicine. "Doctors may underestimate their personal influence," said Goldstein, a psychiatrist in the Division of

Behavioral and Preventive Medicine at The Miriam Hospital. "Patients see the health care provider as someone who is important and look to them for advice."

Research has shown that even brief physician advice can increase one-year smoking abstinence rates by more than 20 percent. Physician-delivered intervention is also aided by educational materials, pharmacological aids and follow-up visits.

A number of factors influence the likelihood of being offered advice on smoking. Medical setting, health status, number of cigarettes smoked per day and whether or not the smoker is already considering quitting were the most powerful predictors of whether the patient reported being talked to about smoking.

Patients receiving care in a private physician's office were nearly four times more likely to be advised to quit than patients who visited a health maintenance organization (HMO) or an emergency room.

Patients in poor health and heavy smokers (those who smoked more than twenty cigarettes a day) were 80 percent more likely to be offered advice than patients in good or excellent condition, or those smoking less than twenty cigarettes a day. Also, those who were closer

to taking steps to quit smoking were also about 80 percent more likely to be offered advice.

Women were slightly more likely than men to receive advice as were the unemployed over the employed and whites over nonwhites.

The Rhode Island survey results are consistent with similar investigations done previously in Michigan and California and surveys conducted by the National Institute of Health.

Reasons for the high number of doctors who do not bother to pressure their patients to quit smoking may include physician frustration with the low levels of success achieved by smokers who try to quit.

Only 18 percent of the sample surveyed said they were considering quitting smoking in the near future.

Other physicians, particularly those in an HMO where smoking cessation programs are available independent of physician counseling, may not see counseling as their role.

Another important explanation may be time constraints of a doctor's visit. Often, when there are other more pressing medical issues to discuss, smoking may not take high priority.

"However, if physicians do not have enough time to talk about

smoking, another staff member in the office should be assigned the role," said Goldstein. "Smoking is such a high-risk behavior and has such a great impact on health that they should make it a priority."

Smokers were identified through a random digit dial telephone survey administered in 1990 in all 5 counties within Rhode Island. Households were screened to determine whether they contained any adults between the ages of 18 and 75 years who regularly smoked cigarettes. Sociodemographic information obtained through the telephone interview included sex, age, employment, marital status, race, income and education. For most of the items the rate of error was less than 3% and the confidence interval for each independent variable was 95%.

One major consideration in interpreting the data is recall bias. Patients may forget that they talked to a physician about smoking, especially if they received only brief, simple advice. (Ref. June 23, 1997 Archives of Internal Medicine.)

Investigators already informed more than one hundred local health care providers about the survey results. "We want them to use the opportunities that are there to increase awareness," said Goldstein.

Knifer receives two to 10 years

The point was driven home to an MSU Thai student, who deeply regrets his murderous impulses.

ZACHARY GORCHOW
State News (Michigan State U.)

(U-WIRE) EAST LANSING, Mich. — A judge sentenced a former MSU student to a two- to 10-year prison term Wednesday for brutally stabbing communication graduate student Akiko Oyaizu during a domestic dispute at her Spartan Village apartment.

Jirapat Praepetch, a former computer science freshman, also faces deportation by the Immigration and Naturalization Service back to his native Thailand after he finishes his sentence.

Oyaizu, who was hospitalized in critical condition after the Oct. 27 stabbing but has since recovered, said she is satisfied with the sentence.

"I don't care how long he's going to be in prison," she said after the hearing. "I care how he takes responsibility for his actions."

Praepetch, an Emmons Hall resident when the attack occurred, apologized for the attack during his sentencing at Ingham County Circuit Court. According to the MSU Registrar's Office, he is no longer a student. "I'm sorry for what I did," he said.

"I made a mistake, but I promise it won't happen again. I hope someday I can have the chance to continue my education and see my family again."

Praepetch attacked Oyaizu after she told him that she wanted to discontinue their relationship. He stabbed her in the throat, hand and foot.

The 19-year-old assailant then stabbed himself in the throat and barricaded himself from police. Officers moved into the apartment after a two-hour standoff left Praepetch weakened from blood loss.

Praepetch originally was charged with assault with intent to commit murder, but attorneys agreed to let him plead guilty Feb. 18 to lesser charges of assault with intent to commit great bodily harm.

In explaining his decision, Judge Michael Harrison told Praepetch that he had thrown away opportunities given to him.

"There are very few times when I see things that are truly sad," he said. "You had a world of opportunity that was snatched by an impulsive act and your inability to control your emotions."

Harrison said he was not convinced that Praepetch would not commit a violent crime again. "I have no question that you would just as soon — undo this completely. I consider it probably very sincere," he

said. "On the other hand, we're dealing with a very serious situation. But for the grace of God, she could have died."

Arjen Greydanus, Praepetch's attorney, said he agreed with his client's sentence. During the hearing, he argued unsuccessfully that Praepetch be punished under the Holmes Youthful Trainee Act, which would have allowed the conviction to be dropped from his record after completing probation.

"I think it's a fair sentence," the Okemos attorney said after the hearing. "I don't think it's particularly lenient, but it's particularly onerous either. I would have obviously liked to have seen him just serve jail time."

Greydanus said Praepetch thanked him after the sentencing, but did not say anything else about the case. He said Praepetch could be paroled from prison in less than two years. Officials will subtract the 143 days he already has served in the Ingham County jail from his term and he could have further reductions for good behavior.

"Given the prison crowding and the kind of person he is, I would expect they would release him at his first out date," he said.

But Trxie Brown, a victim's rights specialist with the Ingham County prosecutor's office who assisted Oyaizu during court proceedings, said

she doubts Praepetch will be released early because the crime was so violent.

"It depends on what kind of prisoner he is," she said. "(Akiko also) can confront the parole board and tell them why he shouldn't be paroled."

During the hearing, Greydanus said Praepetch's family has ostracized him in the wake of the crime.

"Because of his culture, he has basically lost his family," he said. "The shame of this incident has cut him off from his family forever."

Lynn Durko, a spokeswoman for the immigration service's Eastern Region office in Burlington, Vt., said the agency can't comment on specific cases, but that when noncitizens are notified of felonies the agency is notified.

Durko said deportation proceedings then begin before a judge from the Executive Office of Immigration Review.

Oyaizu said she wanted to thank MSU Safe Place for assisting her recovery and her professors for giving her time before resuming her studies. A representative from MSU Safe Place who has helped Oyaizu since the attack attended the hearing.

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